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POLISH MERCHANT MARINE PLANS EXPANSION, 1949-1955

The Polish Six-Year Plan calls for a merchant marine of 600,000 tons. This means an increase of 200 percent over the present tonnage through the addition of 80 new ships.

The plan calls for the construction of nine different types of ships. Sixty percent of the new construction and 50 percent of the total tonnage will be steam-driven. Steam engines will be installed in the smaller ships, which usually carry coal, and ships of greater tonnage will be motor powered.

Ships to carry coal will make up 52.5 percent of the total tonnage. Ships to carry coal and ore will be of 2,500 tons capacity. There will be 24 ships of 3,200 tons capacity and 12 of 4,800 tons.

Polish shipyards are cooperating with foreign shipyards. The plans for one coal and ore ship were made by the French "Augustin Normand" shipyard, and the plans for 650-ton and 7,300-ton motor ships were drawn up by the Italian "Ansaldo" shipyard. Plans for two motor ships, drawn up in a Belgian shipyard before World War II, have just been delivered.

Planned Growth of Polish Merchant Marine

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tonnage to be Launched</u>	<u>Completed Ships</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>
1949	18,450	4	10,000
1950	24,850	10	16,700
1951	20,600	6	21,700
1952	43,400	12	49,600
1953	56,700	12	58,000
1954	63,700	11	47,100
1955	<u>57,100</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>66,000</u>
Totals	299,900 /sic 7	69	269,300

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